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LETTER DATED 4 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to bring to your attention the text, in French and English, of a statement on the death of a member of the Monitor Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, adopted by the European Community and its member States in Lisbon and Brussels on 4 May 1992.

We should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: French/English]

Statement by the Community and its Member States on the Death of a Member of the Monitor Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Community and its member States learned with dismay and indignation of the tragic incident involving the European Community Monitor Mission (ECMM), which cost the life of a monitor of Belgian nationality in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Community and its member States wish to express their deepest condolences to the relatives of the deceased monitor, who was carrying out, unarmed, a peaceful and humanitarian mission. They also pay tribute to the courage and devotion of all the members of the Monitor Mission in the commendable task of encouraging and supporting peaceful solutions between the parties to the conflict in the Yugoslav crisis.

The Community and its member States have already addressed a vehement protest to the authorities in Belgrade concerning the action by the Yugoslav National Army (JNA), which caused the death of the ECMM monitor and expect that an investigation will be ordered without delay and that all those responsible for the incident in question will be punished.

The Community and its member States reiterate their concern about the safety of European Community monitors and demand that appropriate measures should be taken immediately in order to ensure their protection.